

BONAPARTE DENIES THAT HE WILL QUIT

Says He Will Remain in Roosevelt Cabinet as Attorney-General.

PRESIDENT NOT SATISFIED

Intimated That Despite Statement, Change May Be Made in a Month or Two.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Attorney-General Bonaparte was quick to deny to-day that he contemplated retiring from the Cabinet at an early day. In fact, the Attorney-General declared that he liked the place and would keep it as long as the President would allow him to do so.

It strikes the average person who gives the slightest attention to such matters that Mr. Bonaparte comes dangerously near to neglecting the duties of his office. Nothing was said about his frequent and prolonged absence from the department and the city, since it was understood that he was in poor health. But he declared to-day that he was not ill, and that he had been only slightly sick. It is understood that President Roosevelt thought his Attorney-General was in bad health, and that his frequent absences were due to this cause.

The work of the department has been at a standstill for months. In fact, little or nothing has been done or even attempted by the Department of Justice since Mr. Bonaparte became ill six months ago.

There are prosecutions pending against the fertilizer trust, the watch trust, the tobacco trust, and probably others, not including the Standard Oil, which is now in court in Chicago, but it is impossible to discover that the Attorney-General has taken any steps to press any of these suits to a conclusion.

Mr. Bonaparte lives in Baltimore. So far as is known, he is the only Cabinet officer who has ever lived outside of Washington City during his incumbency of the office. Mr. Bonaparte entertains officially at his Baltimore residence and other Cabinet officers who accept invitations to dine with the Attorney-General must needs go to Baltimore in order to get their food under his mahogany.

In addition to other reasons for frequent and persistent absence from his desk, the municipal campaign which ended with an overwhelming Democratic victory in Baltimore yesterday has claimed much of the time of the Attorney-General. A mugwump at that, Attorney-General Bonaparte has come to Baltimore in order to see the action of the President and to see the Canon Uncle as a standstill.

Old Speech Recalled.

The Senate was slow to confirm the nomination of Mr. Bonaparte to be Attorney-General of the United States. There were several Senators who thought a speech delivered by Mr. Bonaparte four or five years ago, in the course of which he declared that combinations of capital, commonly called trusts, were pretty good things, indicated pretty clearly that he was not a proper man to put at the head of the legal department of the government at this particular time. The leisurely course which he has pursued in not pursuing the trusts would indicate that those Senators who opposed the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Bonaparte were justified. But it was upon assurances from the White House that Mr. Bonaparte would be all right as a trust prosecutor that the Senate confirmed the nomination.

There are rumors to the effect that President Roosevelt is after Mr. Bonaparte, asking disagreeable questions concerning the progress and status of certain matters which have long been pending. There may be significance in the fact that the Attorney-General was at his desk at 9 o'clock this morning, after an absence of many days.

Despite the denial of Attorney-General Bonaparte even to-day that he is about to be pried loose from his job, there is good reason to believe that the President will have a new Attorney-General in the course of a month or two.

WILL REQUIRE WEEK TO SELECT A JURY

(Continued from First Page.)

Charles Sweeney, mine-owner, of Spokane; Detective James McPartland; Steve Adams, Mrs. Steve Adams, Bulkeley Wells, Adjutant-General of Colorado; A. E. Carlton, president, and C. C. Hamlin, secretary of the Mine Owners' Association of Colorado; Julian Steinhilber, son of the late Governor; a number of residents of Caldwell and the Coter d'Alene region; officials of Idaho and Colorado and several detectives of the Pinkerton and Thiel Agencies.

Hustings Court Notes.

William Lightfoot, a colored ex-convict, was called to trial yesterday morning in the Hustings Court on the charge of highway robbery, and was given eight years in the penitentiary. He held up and robbed another negro of a small sum of money.

Bennie Bolling, tried for grand larceny, was acquitted.

Married Women

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MEXICO COULD NOT AFFORD TO FIGHT

Would Lose Too Much Prestige in Open War With People of Guatemala.

NOT ANXIOUS FOR IT, EITHER

Combination of Influences Render It Almost Certain There Will Be No Armed Contest.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The possibility of the Hague peace conference being opened with a war between Mexico and Guatemala is by no means remote, although war is not so imminent now as it was less than a week ago. While diplomatic negotiations have been suspended between the two countries, negotiations looking to a peaceful solution of the differences will be undertaken, it is understood, and it is probable that President Roosevelt will be called on to arbitrate the quarrel.

A State Department official said to-day that its matters now stand, Mexico could hardly afford to fight without a loss of prestige, she has been practicing and counseling peace for so long under the administration of Porfirio Diaz, only recently having united with the United States to bring Nicaragua and Honduras to a peaceable solution of their troubles with each other. The action of Mexico in joining with the United States in efforts to promote peace between two sister republics was significant of the rapid advancement of Mexico in the past few years.

But Mexico does not want a foreign war. Porfirio Diaz does not want to become embroiled abroad, even with such a little country as Guatemala. The state of Mexico, under his strong rule, is the subject of universal comment among the nations. Twenty or even ten years ago conditions in that republic were about as those which exist in the average Spanish-speaking country of Central and South America. Diaz has brought order out of chaos.

He has put the country on a sound financial basis, and law and order reign throughout the republic. He had to fight rebels for a time, but a revolution in Mexico has not been heard of for years, and the last attempts were only farcical, so strong had the government become.

No National Pride.

But a foreign war is another matter. There is little or no national pride in Mexico as Americans understand that term. Diaz knows this. Americans recall how when the war with Spain came the people of every section of the country forgot sectional jealousies and sprang to the defense of the flag in far greater numbers than could be expected from a foreign war. Differences as nothing else had done or could have done.

Conditions are very different in the republic immediately to the south of us. Trouble abroad would be the opportunity of a moment for Diaz. He has ruled by force. He has shown the mailed hand every day, and the army has been freely used to quiet murmurs and rebellions. The army of Mexico is composed in large measure of as precious a lot as could be got together. While there are trained soldiers and many honorable men in the Mexican army, Diaz got rid of the bandits which scourged the country by making the leaders officers in the army and allowing the rest to enlist as private soldiers. Those of the gentlemen of the road who would not accept this opportunity to save their skins and their necks were hunted down by those who had accepted, with the result that brigandage is a lost art in Mexico of to-day. And American soldiers have often expressed to the writer their admiration of the army of Mexico, its organization and especially its personnel.

Would Not Be Serious.

Of course, a war with as small a country as Guatemala would not be a serious affair for Mexico so far as the outcome is concerned, and it will not prove serious as affording opportunity for a discredited class at home to make trouble for the government, but there are other objections to a war, which President Diaz, one of the wisest rulers of his generation, is believed to fully appreciate. Mexico is only starting out on the road to development of her resources. Millions of acres of foreign money have been invested in her forests, her mines, in building railroads, in developing her agricultural possibilities. American, British and German capital are chiefly invested in these enterprises, in addition to a great deal of money invested by Mexicans themselves. President Diaz has encouraged the entrance of foreign capital, and the influence of foreign men of affairs in Mexico is very great. All this influence would be expected to be exercised in the interest of peace.

The Two Armies.

A combination of all these influences render it well-nigh certain that Mexico will not be a party to any armed contest in the near future, whether her opponent be great or small. In 1900 the standing army of Mexico consisted of 2,068 officers and 30,075 enlisted men—22,065 infantry, 5,494 cavalry, 2,161 artillery; the rest in other services. The infantry is armed with Mauser rifles, the cavalry with the Mauser carbine, and the artillery have the 75 mm. field gun and mountain batteries. The army is organized to give it a war strength of 146,000 men.

The poor little army of Guatemala in peace times is 7,000 men. It is estimated that in time of war the strength of the army could be increased to 56,000 men between the ages of eighteen and thirty, with a reserve of 30,000 men between the ages of thirty and fifty. But the country is very poor, and could not maintain so many men in the field. The public debt of Guatemala is between \$5,000,000 and \$8,000,000, while the population is about two million, making the per capita debt approximately \$5. But the population is growing by leaps and bounds in the natural way. Guatemalans, the bulk of whom are "ladinos" and "mestizos," as people of mixed Spanish and Indian blood are called, are probably the most prolific in the world. A government report issued six years ago showed that the total number of births in 1901 was 56,728, while the number of deaths was 35,618—a natural gain in population of 21,110. From which it is evident that Guatemala's game is to wait and grow children, as she would eventually increase her population sufficiently to overcome the big brother who is now glaring at her across the northern border.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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STATE DINNER FOR GENERAL KUROKI

Duke of Abruzzi and Vice-Admiral Join Guests of the Nation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—For the next few days official Washington will be busily engaged in entertaining the government's distinguished guests, General Kuroki, the famous Japanese field officer; Vice-Admiral Ijima, ranking officer of the Mikado's naval fleet at Jamestown, and the Duke of Abruzzi, commander of the Italian fleet, all of whom arrived in the city to-day. Elaborate plans have been made for the entertainment of the visitors during their stay in the national capital, which include a dinner and reception, which Secretary and Mrs. Taft are to give to-morrow night in honor of General Kuroki, and a state dinner at the White House Saturday evening, complimentary to the Duke of Abruzzi.

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Yours very truly,

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MAY HAVE DIRECT LINE.

North German Lloyd Steamship Agency for Norfolk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., May 9.—P. J. Johnson, an agent of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, was here to-day, arranging for the establishing here of an agency for his company. The agent would say little as to what his company proposes to do here, but it is generally believed in shipping circles that the line will shortly have ships touching here. Other agents of the North German Lloyd have previously visited Norfolk. It is predicted that the line will establish direct sailings between this port and Europe, and that it will land many immigrants here.

HOSPITAL CASE.

Judge Barley Overrules Plea of Trustees.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 9.—In the Circuit Court for this city, Judge Louis C. Barley presided, an argument was made to-day on a demurrer in the case of the Winchester Memorial Hospital against the Board of Handley Trustees. The court then made a decision overruling the plea of the trustees, and the defendant was given ten days in which to amend their bill. Attorneys W. R. Stevenson, of Winchester, Va., and John M. Johnson, of this city, argued for the complainant, and Attorney Richard E. Byrd, of Winchester, argued for the defendant.

SWINDLING MUSIC PEOPLE.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, Va., May 9.—A fraud agent, claiming to represent a Philadelphia musical magazine and other publications, has swindled numbers of Suffolk people within the past few days. He took orders at cut rates, collecting in advance. A letter from a publishing house disclaims his authority, and offers to effect his arrest, saying he has operated in other cities, using a different alias in each new field.

SLASHES THROAT.

Wilmington Tailor Commits Suicide, Using Razor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILMINGTON, N. C., May 9.—Jacob Schaych, a tailor of this city, committed suicide this morning by slashing his throat with a razor. He premeditated the act, and was found before a looking-glass as he drew the blade several times across his throat. He was thirty-five years of age, and was a native of Coschocton, Ohio, and his remains were shipped there to-night.

Postal Affairs.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Postmasters appointed:
Virginia—Lawford, Buckingham county, John W. Sharp, vice J. C. Lawford, resigned; West Augusta, Augusta county, C. S. Watts, vice L. T. Cross, resigned.
North Carolina—Cedar Falls, Randolph county, Antonio J. Alf, vice M. C. Haynes, resigned; Stagville, Durham county, W. D. Turentine, vice Ophelia Turentine, removed.

WILL PROSECUTE OIL COMPANIES

True Bills Found Against Two Carolina Firms—Total Possible Fines \$80,000.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 9.—In the United States District Court here to-day, at the instigation of S. H. Smith, special agent and examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission, true bills were found against the Laurinburg Oil Company, of Laurinburg, N. C., and the Lumberton Cotton Oil and Ginning Company, of Lumberton, N. C., and the officers and directors of those corporations, for alleged violation of section 10 of the interstate commerce act, these indictments being the first under this section of the statute, the specific charge being obtaining transportation at a less rate than that existing and in force at the time by false reports and weights. The bill against each corporation contains eight counts, and carries a penalty of \$5,000 for each count, the whole amounting to \$80,000. The cases will be heard at the October term of court here.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE ON NEW HAMPSHIRE DAY

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BURNS PROMISED TO THROW RIGHT

Winner of Bout Makes Ugly Charge Against Scrapper Jack O'Brien.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 9.—In a statement to-day, Tommy Burns, the winner of last night's fight, declares that he promised to lay down and let O'Brien win the fight. He said there was no chance otherwise to get O'Brien into the ring. He said he resolved as soon as he got out of the hospital to go round to break his promise, and determined to go in and win.

Burns said "Jack O'Brien was caught in one of his own traps. I could not get him to agree to enter the arena until after I had promised to lay down and let him win the fight. I pretended to be willing to do this, but I intended to show the country that I was O'Brien's master. In the first round O'Brien was taken off his feet and secured to death. He knew I had planned to cunningly for them all, and that he was due for a beating."

"As for the bets being called off, I was instrumental in having that done for the protection of the public. I wanted to make this explanation afterwards, and I did not want to see the public tricked into losing any of its money. The calling off of the bets cost me \$3,800, for I stood to win that amount myself."

Manager Carey, of the Pacific Athletic Club, to-day confirmed Burns' statement in every detail.

The disgust of the sporting world over the fight was great. Referee Charles Egan said to-day: "Burns' statement to-day is the first intimation I had about any agreement between the men. I am not surprised, however, at the revelation, as there was plenty of suspicious circumstances. I called off all bets last night after a conference with the manager of Carey. I am glad, personally, that the exposure has been made, for it will help to shut some of those out of the boxing game who are in it for dishonest purposes."

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"PEDLAR" PALMER IS PUT ON TRIAL

English Pugilist Formally Committed for Alleged Murder of a Tramp.

LONDON, May 9.—"Pedlar" Palmer, the English pugilist, was brought up at the Croydon Police Court to-day, charged with murder, in killing a man named Robert Choeat April 24th by beating him in a railroad car while they were returning from the races. After the testimony in the case had been taken the prisoner was formally committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

Is Not a Lunatic.

Baker Cheatham, charged with being a lunatic, was dismissed from the Police Court yesterday morning. His mother and two daughters, who wrestled with Policemen Belton and Palmer for his release, were fined \$25 each. Mr. H. M. Smith, counsel for the negroes, took an appeal, and all were allowed bail.

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